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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  DIRKMANN, ET AL.  Serial No.: 09/284,581  Filed: April 15, 1999  For: METHOD FOR HANDLING SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	<b>RECEIVED</b>  NOV 03 2003  Art Unit: 2666      Technology Center 2600  Examiner: MEHRA, INDER P.
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**AMENDMENT**

Box: Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** none.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** none

**Remarks:** begin on page 6 of this paper.